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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Why was this gentleman under reference reverted and what were the charges pending against him?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, he was reverted in the usual course. There are no charges pending against him."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Did not the Government know of the impending bye-election when the order for reversion was made?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, the Revenue Divisional Officer of that place was also the Returning Officer. He is only a temporary Deputy Collector and when the senior man returned from leave he had to be reverted in the normal course. As there was the impending bye-election at that time, he was continued for a few days."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் யுஷுவல் கோர்ஸிலே அவர் ரிவர்ட் செய்யப்பட்டார் என்று கூறினார்கள். சாதாரணமாக சர்க்காரில் அதிகாரிகளை பிரமோஷன் செய்வது வழக்கமா அல்லது அவர்களை ரிவர்ட் செய்வதுதான் வழக்கமா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I am afraid the hon. Member seemed to be a novice in this respect. He was on an acting job and when the period was over he had to revert."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Hon. the Minister for Revenue aware of the fact that there are allegations against this officer that he has collected huge sums of money from the public to entertain the members of the Board of Revenue when they visited that locality? Even if the Government are not aware of the fact, may I know whether they will be pleased to institute an enquiry into this matter and entrust this matter with the Special Branch Police and ask the Special Branch to find out what exactly is the truth of the whole matter?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, there must be some basis for conducting an enquiry. Imaginary allegations will not do."

District Soldiers' Boards

* 1716 *Q*.—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) in how many districts, the District Soldiers' Boards are functioning;

(*b*) who is the head of these boards in every district; and

(*c*) what these boards actually do?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) There are thirteen District Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Boards in the State,

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one in each district except the Nilgiris district, which comes under the jurisdiction of the District Soldiers', Sailors and Airmen's Board, Coimbatore.

" (b) The Collector of the district is the ex-officio President of the District Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board.

" (c) These boards deal with the various welfare problems affecting the interests of ex-service personnel and the families of serving and deceased service personnel of the Armed Forces."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" Sir, practically, these boards are not doing anything. I know of a particular instance in which the District Collector, Coimbatore, refused to recommend a scheme for rehabilitating the ex-servicemen on a co-operative basis and said that he had no power in the matter. May I know from the Hon. the Minister for Health whether the Government will be prepared to invest more powers with the District Collectors in the matter of formulating schemes for rehabilitating the ex-servicemen?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, these district boards were working all right. During the year 1954, assistance in several forms has been given to ex-servicemen and their families in the matter of issue of certificates for assignment of lands, educational concessions, etc. Admission of patients to tuberculosis sanatoria and leprosy hospitals has been arranged. Sir, the expenditure on the organization itself is about Rs. 58,000 per annum and it is borne by the State Government."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" Sir, there are some skilled and experienced mechanics among the ex-servicemen. Will the Government utilize their knowledge and skill in organizing cottage industries?" 8-40 a.m.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question deals with a number of such boards in the district, etc. But the hon. Member's question relates to appointment of ex-servicemen."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" I want to know whether the Government would be pleased to ask the District Collectors to utilize the experience and knowledge of such ex-servicemen in organizing co-operative industrials?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Placement of ex-servicemen in suitable jobs is one of the items of the work attended to by these boards."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" How many employees do these boards maintain at the Government expense and what are the

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jobs turned out by them? Do the boards maintain any paid officials and are the expenses incurred in maintaining them met by the State Government? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, I have already said the expenditure on the organization is Rs. 58,000 per annum and it is met by the State Government."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Are this Government getting any subsidy from the Government of India for maintaining this organization because most of the soldiers and sailors have served under the Government of India? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the administration of this organization is carried on in co-ordination with the employment organization of the Government of India."

Village vaidyas

* 1804 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state when the Training School for Village Vaidyas at Tanjore will be re-opened?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The training centre at Tanjore will be re-opened from the 11th April 1955."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Thank you, Sir."

SRI M. P. SUBRAMANYAM :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that there are a large number of village vaidyas who have qualified themselves as village vaidyas and have not been absorbed in any of the rural dispensaries in the State? That being so, why should Government think of re-opening the training centre at Tanjore? Are the Government convinced that these village vaidyas possess adequate knowledge in treating at least minor diseases at least? If it is so, why have they not been absorbed in service? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, a representation was made for re-opening the centre which was working at Tanjore and closed a short time ago. This year 24 candidates belonging to Tanjore and adjoining district have applied for admission to this centre."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" There is a saying in Tamil that a person who kills about a thousand persons will become only half a village vaidya. Is it the intention of the Government that such persons should be engaged as village vaidyas? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" These village vaidyas are already practising in villages. This is just to give them a little more training."